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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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RIN 2060-AR74

**Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule: Revision to Best Available
Monitoring Method Request Submission Deadline for Petroleum
and Natural Gas Systems Source Category**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed Rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA is proposing to revise the deadline by which owners or operators of facilities subject to the petroleum and natural gas systems source category of the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule must submit requests for use of best available monitoring methods to the Administrator. This proposed revision does not change any other requirements for owners or operators as outlined in the best available monitoring method rule provisions.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before [INSERT THE DATE 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS PROPOSAL IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

Public Hearing. A public hearing will be held if requested. To request a hearing, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by

[INSERT THE DATE 7 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS PROPOSAL IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. If requested, the hearing will be conducted on [INSERT THE DATE 15 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS PROPOSAL IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER], in the Washington, DC area. EPA will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** with further information about the public hearing if a public hearing is requested.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2011-0417 by one of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal:

<http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

E-mail: [GHG Reporting Rule Oil And Natural Gas@epa.gov](mailto:GHG_Reporting_Rule_Oil_And_Natural_Gas@epa.gov)

Fax: (202) 566-9744.

Mail: Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Mailcode 6102T, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2011-0417, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

Hand/Courier Delivery: EPA Docket Center, Public Reading Room, EPA West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No.

EPA-HQ-OAR-2011-0417. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes

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<http://www.regulations.gov> or e-mail. Send or deliver information identified as CBI to only the mail or hand/courier delivery address listed above, attention:

Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2011-0417. The

<http://www.regulations.gov> Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through <http://www.regulations.gov> your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carole Cook, Climate Change Division, Office of Atmospheric Programs (MC-6207J), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 343-9263; fax number: (202) 343-2342; e-mail address: GHGReportingRule@epa.gov. For technical information, contact the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule Hotline at: <http://www.epa.gov/ghgreporting/reporters/index.html>. To submit a question, select Rule Help center, then select Contact us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Why is the EPA issuing this proposed rule?

EPA is proposing to revise the deadline in 40 CFR 98.234(f)(8)(i) by which owners or operators of facilities subject to the petroleum and natural gas systems source category, subpart W, of the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule must submit a request to use best available monitoring methods to the Administrator. We have published a direct final rule making this revision in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register** because the EPA views this as a noncontroversial action and no adverse comments are anticipated. A further explanation for the reasons for this action is in the preamble to the direct final rule.

If we receive no adverse comment, we will not take further action on this proposed rule. If the EPA receives relevant adverse comment, we will publish a timely withdrawal notice in the Federal Register to inform the public that the direct final rule, or the relevant portion of the direct final rule, will not take effect. The rule provisions that are not withdrawn will become effective on the date set out in the direct final rule, notwithstanding relevant adverse comment on any other provision, unless we determine that it would not be appropriate to promulgate

those provisions due to their being affected by the provision for which we receive relevant adverse comment. If the EPA does receive relevant adverse comment on the direct final rule and withdraws the direct final rule, we will address all public comments in any subsequent final rule based on this proposal. We will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on the specific changes being made must do so by the comment deadline listed in the **DATES** section of this document. The EPA will not consider a comment to be adverse if a comment pertains to an aspect of Part 98 or 40 CFR Part 98, Subpart W that is not addressed in the direct final rule. For further information about commenting on this action, please see the information provided in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 98

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedures, Air pollution control, Greenhouse gases, Monitoring, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: February 6, 2013

Lisa P. Jackson,
Administrator.

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